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SUBJECT: LOS - BANGLADESH BASELINE PROPOSAL

REF: DACCA 4797

1. DEPARTMENT VERY MUCH APPRECIATES REQUEST FROM EMBASSY FOR APPROPRIATE WORDING WHICH MIGHT TURN OFF THE BANGLADESH BASELINE PROPOSAL. NOT ONLY HAS EMBASSY TOLD BANGLADESHIS SEVERAL TIMES THE BASELINE PROPOSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US BUT LOS DEL HAS DONE LIKEWISE. IT APPEARS THAT BANGLADESH WILL RAISE THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH IS THEIR MAIN IF ONLY ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE, UNTIL THE VERY END.

2. LOS DEL IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE HAS NOT OPPOSED THE
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BANGLADESH PROPOSAL IN EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE. WE HAVE LOBBIED AGAINST THEIR PROPOSAL WITH MANY DELEGATIONS. WE INTEND, HOWEVER, TO TELL THE BANGLADESHIS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THAT IF THIS PROPOSAL IS RAISED AGAIN AT THE CONFERENCE, WE MAY HAVE TO OPPOSE IT PUBLICLY FOR THE REASONS WHICH WE HAVE STATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. EMBASSY MAY WISH AT SOME APPROPRIATE TIME TO

INDICATE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS THAT THE US IS CONSIDER-
ING INDICATING ITS OPPOSITION AT THE CONFERENCE IF THE
ISSUE IS RAISED AGAIN. WHILE THIS MAY NOT SHUT THEM OFF,
IT SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF SLOWING THEM DOWN. VANCE

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